



Proclamation

Presented to

Donald Richard "Don" DeLillo

WHEREAS, Donald Richard "Don" DeLillo was born on November 20, 1936 and grew up in the neighborhood of the Bronx, New York City; he graduated from Cardinal Hayes High School in the Bronx in 1954 and attended Fordham University, where he graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Communication Arts in 1958; and

WHEREAS, Donald Richard "Don" DeLillo spent his summers reading and writing as a teenager; when he was in his 20s and early 30s his favorite authors included James Joyce, William Faulkner, Flannery O'Connor, and Ernest Hemingway who inspired him to become a writer; and

WHEREAS, Donald Richard "Don" DeLillo took a job in advertising, worked for five years as a copywriter at the agency of Ogilvy & Mather on Fifth Avenue at East 48th Street, writing image ads for Sears Roebuck and other companies, and working on print ads; and

WHEREAS, Donald Richard "Don" DeLillo published his first short story, "The River Jordan" in *Epoch*, the literary magazine of Cornell University in 1960; in 1964 he resigned from the advertising industry and began a successful writing and publishing career, completing a total of 16 novels, 20 short stories, a short story collection, five plays, a screenplay and six essays, a distinguished body of work recognized with numerous prestigious awards; and

WHEREAS, Donald Richard "Don" DeLillo will be honored with the "Norman Mailer Prize for Lifetime Achievement" at the Sixth Annual Norman Mailer Center and Norman Mailer Writers Colony benefit gala at the Historic New York Public Library on October 27, 2014;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 27, 2014, as

"DONALD RICHARD 'DON' DELILLO DAY"

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in honoring this great American novelist, playwright, and essayist and his lifetime of contributions to American literature.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this third day of October, 2014.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i